

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims of this application as they currently stand are reproduced below for the convenience of the Examiner in the spirit of the Rules:

1. (Previously Presented) An image processing device comprising:
 - an operation unit with a display for determining various settings;
 - an image data storage unit for temporarily storing an image data to be newly processed;
 - an image data destruction unit for destroying the image data stored in said image data storage unit; and
 - an operation restricting unit for restricting storage of image data to be newly processed and for restricting operations for processing the stored image data to be newly processed when a demand for the image processing device to destroy the image data stored in the image processing device is made and said image data destruction unit destroys the stored image data.

2. (Previously Presented) An image processing device according to claim 1, wherein said operation restricting unit comprises a destruction designating unit for demanding said image data destruction unit to destroy the stored image data.

3. (Previously Presented) An image processing device according to claim 1, wherein said image data destruction unit destroys a related information required for processing the stored image data together with the stored image data.

4. (Previously Presented) An image processing device according to claim 1, wherein said operation restricting unit comprises a function to restrict said operations for processing the stored image data and a function to display information related to the restriction on the display of said operation unit.
5. (Previously Presented) An image processing device according to claim 1, wherein said operation unit comprises a function to cancel a restriction by the operation restricting unit provided to the operations for processing the stored image data to be newly processed when a predetermined operation has been verified while said operation restricting unit is restricting the operation for processing the stored image data.
6. (Previously Presented) An image processing device comprising:
 - an operation unit with a display for determining various settings;
 - an image data storage unit for temporarily storing an image data to be newly processed to an image data storage region;
 - an image data destruction unit for destroying said image data storage region;
 - an operation restricting unit for restricting storage of an image data to be newly processed and for restricting for processing the image data to be newly processed when a demand for the image processing device to destroy the image data stored in the image processing device is made and said image data destruction unit destroys the stored image data; and
 - a notifying unit for notifying the completion of destruction of said image data storage region by said image data destruction unit to a predetermined specific right holder.

7. (Original) An image processing device according to claim 6, wherein said notifying unit enables a notifying condition to be selected.

8. (Original) An image processing device according to claim 7, wherein said notifying condition of said notifying unit is selected between an output using a printer function and an output performed by transmitting a notification image data via a network.

9. (Previously Presented) An image processing device according to claim 6, wherein said notifying unit outputs a notice corresponding to a selected notifying condition when all areas of said image data storage region of said image storage unit have been destroyed completely by said image data destruction unit.

10. (Previously Presented) An image processing device according to claim 6, wherein said image data destruction unit comprises a function to destroy a related information required for processing the stored image data together with the stored image data.

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